

upon Claims 1, 21 and 41. As such, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow Claims 5, 6, 9, 13, 15, 17, 19, 32, 34, 35, 36, 39, 43, 44, 48, 51, 52, 56, 57, 58 and 59.

REMARKS

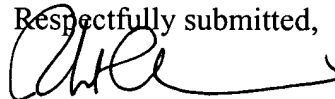
Applicants appreciate the time taken by the Examiner to review Applicants' present application. This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed March 29, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of Claims 1-38 and 41-59.

While Applicants believe no fee is due with this transmission, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2240 of Koestner Bertani.

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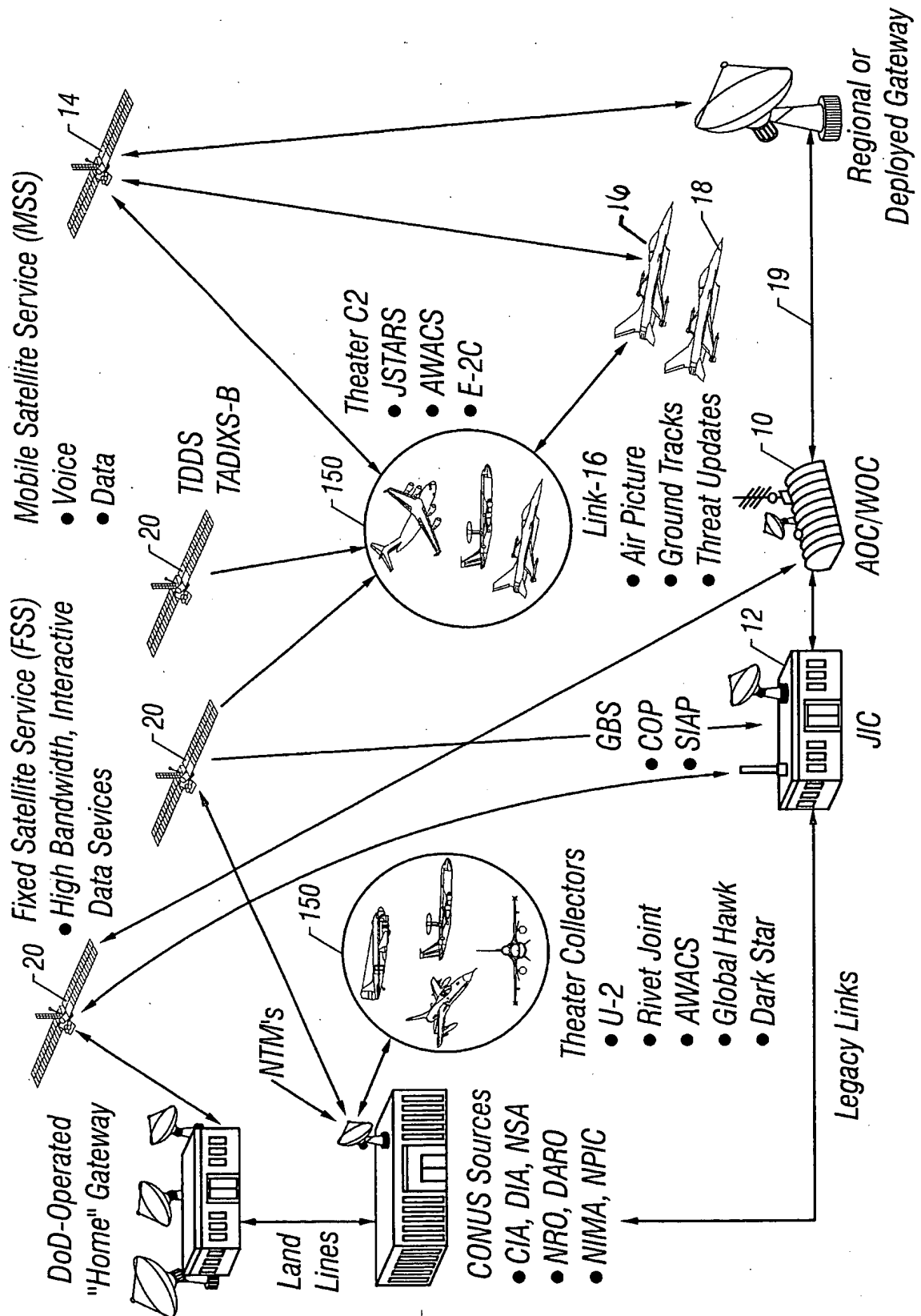


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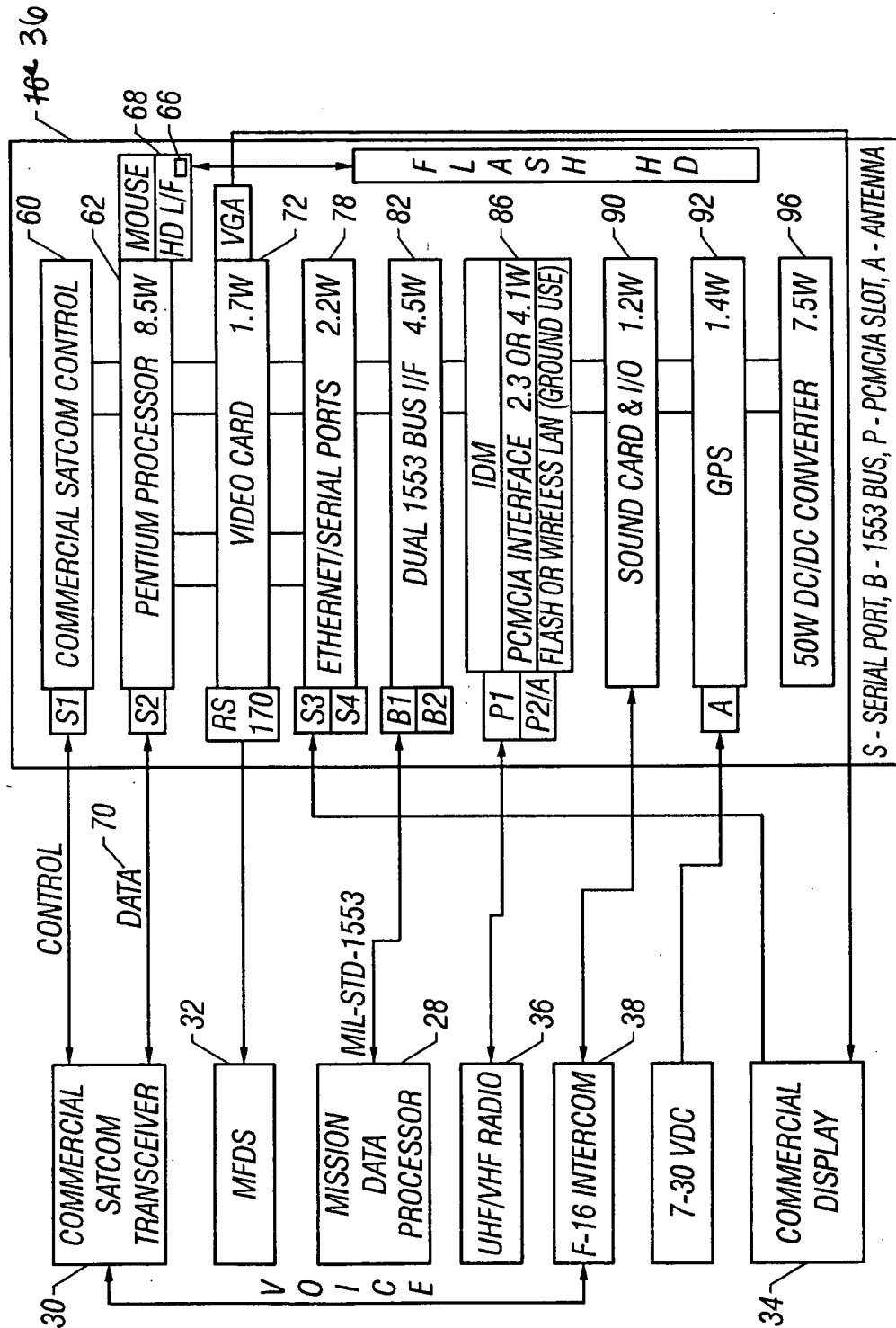


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